

FINANCE, OIL AND GAS

Oil and Gas.

Observance of Yuletide put a quietus on operations in the oil fields in the East. The holiday was never more generally observed. The little news that came from the fields was not important. Oil producers had occasion to feel jubilant for they realized 60 cents a barrel more for oil than for the corresponding period of a year ago.

In the West sand development on Blue creek, Elk district, Kanawha county, the South Penn Oil company has now completed and shot No. 17 on the W. A. MacCorkle farm. It is not good for more than five or 10 barrels a day. The same company completed and shot No. 2 on the C. L. Myers farm and has a 20-barrel producer.

On Bear Fork, Duval district, Lincoln county, the Big Creek Development company completed No. 6 on the Walter Vickers farm. It is showing for a five-barrel producer. The same company got the same kind of a producer at No. 6 on the Maggie Fowler farm.

On Dry Run, Troy district, Gilmer county, the Castle Brook Carbon company drilled a second test on the E. J. Burton farm through the Gantz sand and got a very light gasser. On Gillespie run, Grant district, Ritchie county, the South Penn Oil company completed and shot its test on the J.

W. P. Cain farm. It shows for a very light pumper in the salt sand.

In the Dents Run pool, Marion county, the South Penn Oil company's No. 4 on the Hoard-Batson farm has been drilled through the Big Injun sand and is good for 25 barrels a day. It will not be drilled to the lower sands. The Carter Oil company's No. 1 on the Sarah Hays farm is not as good as indicated when drilled into the 30-foot sand. For the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock yesterday morning it produced 30 barrels. F. W. Bartlett's No. 3 on the Z. E. Batson farm has dropped back to 490 barrels since it was shot. No. 1 on the same farm has dropped down to 67 barrels a day.

The Carnegie Natural Gas company's No. 1 on the George Isminger farm, in Springhill township, Greene county, Pa., shows good staying qualities and intensifies interest in the surrounding territory. In their anxiety to get new work started, holders of leases are offering special inducements to those engaged in rig building. No. 2 on the Isminger farm is holding up at 90 barrels a day.

In the Clinton sand development, located near Brinkhaven, in Section 16, Fairfield township, Holmes county, O., Kachlemacher & Co. have drilled a second test on the C. E. Hibbets farm into the Clinton sand and showing for a 60-barrel producer. This location is 1,000 feet east of the Forbing Drilling company's test on the W. A. Barnes farm.

BUFFALO BILL REPORTED NEAR END OF A LIFE FILLED WITH THRILLS



"BUFFALO BILL"

Buffalo Bill, famous scout, soldier and the American boy's hero, is reported dying.

Throughout his 70 years Buffalo Bill has always been active and won the admiration of young America by his adventuresome life.

He was born William Frederick Cody, but in 1867 killed 4280 buffalo in 18 months and ever since America has known him as Buffalo Bill.

Up to the Civil war Cody was a pony express rider. He enlisted with the Seventh Kansas as scout and guide during the war, and became colonel.

In 1868 Cody became a government scout and furnished the thrills of Indian warfare of which most American boys have read. He boasts he took part in more Indian battles than any other white man. In one, he says, he killed Yellow Hand, the Cheyenne

chief, in a hand-to-hand fight.

Buffalo Bill became rich with his Wild West show, which he started in 1876. He toured the world with his cowboys and ponies, giving Europe its best glimpse of America's wild and woolly west.

Retiring from the show in 1905, Buffalo Bill lived on his western ranch, where he has devoted his later years to reclamation of arid lands in Wyoming. He turned the Big Horn valley from a barren, sun-dried waste into fruitful wealth-producing country.

At one time Cody spent \$50,000 to make Mrs. Katherine Clemmons Gould, wife of the millionaire, Howard Gould, a stage star. He sued her for the amount, which he claimed he lost in the unsuccessful venture. The suit was withdrawn, however, before decision was made.

McDowell promises to lead all other counties in West Virginia in the construction of permanent highways in 1917. On February 12 next, the county court will award contracts for the construction of 17 miles of roadway which will have an uniform width of sixteen feet. In all, the county will construct roads to the value of \$1,400,000 and a greater part of the work will be done during the next year.

MEETINGS

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Fairmont, W. Va., will be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on the second floor of the Watson building, in the city of Fairmont, County of Marion, and State of West Virginia, on the second Tuesday of January, 1917, being the 9th day of said month, at 2:00 p. m. of said day, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FAIRMONT.

By HOWARD W. SHOWALTER, Vice President. 12-11-18-25 Jan. 1



Thanks, Postman—the Regular AETNA Check

CAN'T beat that service. Almost pays to break a leg, doesn't it? This \$200 covers the \$50 a week for total disability provided for in my AETNA ACCIDENT POLICY. When I am only partly disabled I will get \$25 a week. Surgeon's fee or hospital bill, too. You postmen ought to

AETNA-IZE

You can easily afford it. In fact, you cannot afford not to. Out on the streets all day long, you're constantly exposed to a thousand forms of accident. Make life pretty comfy if something happened to you and one of the boys brought you a check as regularly as you bring mine to me.

A word, and the AETNA Agent will tell you how to connect up with absolute protection. My Agent is Charles G. Hood District Agent. TRUST COMPANY BUILDING.

IRON AND WOODWORKING MACHINERY.

New and second hand. Machine tools, lathes, drills, shapers, planers, presses, garage machinery, gasoline engines, pumps, electric motors, engine boilers, planers, band saws, Sawmill outfits, belting, pulleys, shafting, contractor's equipment. FAIRMONT MACHINERY COMPANY, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ROOMS TO RENT

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished basement rooms. Apply 209 Walnut Ave. or call Com. phone 778-X. 12-15-16 No. 1741

FOR RENT—7-room house on Clay street. Apply Geo. Brand, McCrory Bldg. 12-16-21 No. 1742

FOR RENT—Large room for light housekeeping. 412 Jackson street. 12-16-31 No. 1744

WANTED

I WANT to rent a farm of about 25 to 50 acres or larger. Location not to be a long distance from mines or a town. Farm must be suitable for mixed farming. I have had considerable experience in farming therefore I can take good care of the property. Address N. Y. X., in care West Virginian. 12-29-16

SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monongahela Bank of Fairmont, will be held at their banking house in the city of Fairmont, W. Va., between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and three o'clock p. m. on the 9th day of January, 1917, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may be legally done at such stockholders' meeting.

Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1916.

CLARENCE D. ROBINSON, President.

SALE OF BANKRUPT'S REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned trustee, by order entered by Hon. H. L. Butcher, Referee in Bankruptcy, in the matter of C. G. Leonard and Brother, partners and as individuals, Bankrupts, entered on the 22nd day of November, 1916, the undersigned trustee, will

On the 10th day of January, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Front Door of the Court House of Fairmont, Marion county, West Virginia, offer for sale the following described real estate, to be sold free of liens. Said real estate is known as Lot No. 4 in Block No. 21, Fairmont Development company addition to the City of Fairmont, front 25 feet on Walnut avenue and extending back 120 feet to an alley, except the coal and mining right thereunder, and also a small strip of land adjacent to the aforesaid parcel, described as part of Lot No. 5 in Block 21 of said addition, fronting 20 inches on Walnut avenue and lying adjacent to the said Lot No. 4, and extending back a uniform width of 20 inches 120 feet to an alley, except the Pittsburgh coal and mining rights. Upon said lots is erected a two story frame dwelling house. Being the same property conveyed to C. G. Leonard by Jeanne Selby and husband, by deed dated the 23rd day of March, 1914, and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Marion County, in Deed Book No. 197, at page 71, and by Sara K. Anderson, on April 11, 1914, and of record in said Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 197, at page 70.

Terms of Sale—One-third cash and the balance in six and twelve months, taking from the purchaser interest bearing notes with security, payable in six and twelve months, retaining a lien on the property sold if conveyed before the said purchase money is paid, with leave to the purchaser to pay all the purchase money in cash at the sale or any time thereafter.

HERBERT MORRIS, Trustee.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

ONE CENT A WORD CASH WITH ORDER.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Package from Osgoods with merchandise and envelope from J. M. Hartley. Owner can have by call at Box 1751, West Virginian. 12-20-16 No. 1751

LOST—Party who found black fur muff near 206 Diamond street, please return to that number and get reward. 12-20-16 No. 1755

LOST—About 11 a. m. between Hartley's and the Undersealing area, black Coney muff. Finder return to West Virginian. 12-20-16 No. 1758

LOST—In Monongahela Valley Traction office Monday evening between 11 and 12 o'clock, silver mesh bag containing two \$5 bills and some change. Return to West Virginian Box 1752. 12-11-16 No. 1752

LOST—Between Smithtown and Catawba a large blue ticked hound Call 97 J Bell or Manager McCrory 5 & 10 cent store. 12-23-16 No. 1756

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HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Girls at the Fairmont Stogie Co. Good wages, steady work. Must be over 16 years old. Fairmont Stogie Co. 12-14-16 No. 1744

WANTED—Girls for laundry work. Apply Troy Laundry, Monroe St. 12-26-16 No. 1755

WANTED—Girl for general housework, small family. Apply at Bert Leopold, 211 Fairmont avenue. 12-20-16 No. 1750

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Men. Steady employment at inside work. Hemlock Foundry Machine Co. 12-7-16 No. 1716

WANTED—Men to work on new hotel. Apply plumber at new hotel. 12-29-16 No. 1764

WANTED—Freight brakemen. Positions open in the freight train service on the Monongahela Division, Penna. railroad. Make application to superintendent, Pittsburgh, South Side, Indiana, or West brownsville Junction. 12-20-16 No. 1753

AGENTS WANTED

CUT INCREASING COAL BILLS. Use Kamin's. Kamin's, cinders, coal, soft on sight. Send \$1 for trial and prove it. Big profits to country agents. "Kamin's," Bradley Beach, N. J. 12-18-16 No. 1747

CRAZY, everybody crazy about the Crazy Dandy Grand Phonograph. Full cabinet machine at lowest price ever shown. Big chance for money profits. A Schumann, Sales Dept., Souman Dog, Cincinnati, O. 12-18-16 No. 1748

WANTED—Men who desire to earn over \$100 per month write us today for position as salesman. Every opportunity for advancement. Central Telephone Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 12-22-16 No. 1759

AGENTS WANTED

WANTED—150 railroad crosses. Lathier Harrington, Norwood, Mass. 12-16-16 No. 1743

OFFICES TO RENT

FOR RENT—One outside well lighted office in Peoples National Bank Building. Inquire at Peoples National Bank. 12-8-16 No. 1717

AGENTS WANTED

DOWN WITH HIGH GASOLINE. Gaso Tonic equals automobile gasoline at 3c gallon. Sell it to car owners and make high profits. Sales guaranteed. White Mfg. Co., Dept. 50, Cincinnati, O. 12-18-16 No. 1749

ROOMS—FURNISHED

FOR RENT—Two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call Bell phone 294-34. 12-12-16 No. 1738

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 827 Main street, Bell phone 306-W. 11-29-16 No. 1681

FLATS AND APARTMENTS

FOR RENT—Two flats in Hays Building, Monroe street. Apply A. A. Hays, Bowling Alley. 9-7-16 No. 1393

FOR RENT—Two flats in Hays Building. Apply A. A. Hays, Bowling Alley. 12-9-16 No. 1721

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—At once, Princess dresser, refrigerator, dining table, Brussels drugget, kitchen linoleum, small kitchen range. Apply Hays Apartments, Room 4, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 and 6 and 8. 12-21-16 No. 1758

FOR SALE—Belgian Hares, 50c to \$100. Apply 298 1/2 Merchant street. 12-21-16 No. 1756

FOR SALE—Baby buggy good condition, half price. Apply 209 Bellview avenue. 11-20-16 No. 1654

FOR SALE—Bargain to quick buyer. Lot on Reeves ave. For information inquire Bell 653-J. 12-13-16 No. 1787

FOR SALE—Good ice plant, bottling works and steam laundry on railroad in good town in West Virginia. A bargain at \$8,000. C. E. Prickett, 305 Jefferson street, Fairmont, W. Va. Bell phone 1050. 12-14-16 No. 1759

Professional Cards

DR. R. D. ICE Osteopathic Physician and Feed Scientist. Office second floor McCrory Bldg., hours 9 to 4. 7 to 9, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Bell Phone 1073-J

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BITS OF STATE NEWS

Leo Warren, an insane prisoner, attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself with his suspenders to a bar of his cell door in the Ohio county jail Sunday evening. He was found by George "Bull" Kraft, Wheeling's alleged arson fiend, who aided Turnkey Ben Dunlap in cutting him down and saving his life.

Warren, several years ago, was committed to the insane asylum at Weston following his arrest on a lunacy charge after he had threatened to burn down the Terminal Railway station in Wheeling. Much of the time he has been raving crazy, and the jailers and turnkeys have experienced trouble with him. During the past day or two, however, his condition seemed to improve.

Sunday evening, without attracting the attention of the turnkey or other prisoners, Warren proceeded to plug the keyhole in his cell door with paper, then removed his suspenders and banged himself to the door of his cell. When he began to strangle the noise attracted the attention of "Bull" Kraft, who looked into the cell, saw what had happened and called the turnkey.

Trouble was experienced in opening the door owing to paper being wadded so tightly in the keyhole, and Kraft once fore displayed his hiking for working under exciting circumstances by reaching through the cell door and holding up Warren's weight while Dunlap worked to get the door open. Warren quickly recovered from the choking he gave himself.

Sunday night, says the Wheeling Intelligencer, was the second time while a prisoner in the county jail that "Bull" Kraft has aided in saving the life of a man attempting to commit suicide.

State Humane Officer Sheldon, Joseph and Police Lieutenant Albert Custer raided an alleged cock-fight in Lawrence Dunlap's building on Grand street in Wheeling Sunday, says the Wheeling Intelligencer, and arrested Dunlap on a charge of being the proprietor of the fight.

The raid took place about 3 o'clock, and the officers surprised about twenty men in the place, a stable which is said to have been converted into a club room and cock-fight pit. Having been able to secure only one policeman by the time he had planned to make the raid, Humane Officer Joseph was unable to guard the building properly and the chicken owners and spectators all made their escape, only Dunlap being taken. Nine time blooded fighting chickens were captured in the raid.

The building in which the fight was being staged stands on the highest section of Grandview, and the officers entered from the upper side. Their entrance cut off all avenues of escape except through windows at the lower side and the twenty or more men leaped out of the windows. One man is said to have been pretty badly hurt in his leap to escape arrest.

Lawrence Dunlap was taken to the Ohio county jail and taken up, following which Humane Officer Joseph appeared before Judge J. E. Hughes and swore out a warrant for his arrest. Dunlap's hearing date had not been set last evening. Reports reaching the ears of Mr. Joseph were to the effect that cock fights had been in progress at this place every Sunday for several weeks, but Dunlap yesterday told the officers but only three or four had been held.

Sam Dock Smith, deputy under Sheriff-elect H. E. Lave, says the Huntington Advertiser, is not convinced that chivalry is always for the best, at least so far as the chivalrous are concerned. He is nursing a strained back and a few other bruises that need not be mentioned as a result of his going to the rescue of a lady fair in distress. It happened on one of those slippery days this week, in front of the First National Bank in Huntington. The lady slipped. Smith hurried to her rescue sought to catch her as she fell. His own feet shot from beneath him. Hence the pains.

Two unknown men robbed the postoffice at Brownmont, on the south side, in Charleston Sunday night and fired a fusillade of pistol shots at the crew of a freight train which refused to allow them a free ride from the scene of their depredations. The men broke into the store of M. M. Hall, in which the postoffice is located, and stole eight dollars worth of stamps and 75 pennies from the postoffice. They then directed their attention to the store and stole \$1.50 from the cash register. Coming out, they saw a freight train waiting some cars near there and tried

to board it. The train crew, knowing nothing of the robbery, threw stones at the would-be trespassers who returned the assault by firing about 15 pistol shots at the trainmen. No clue has been learned as to the identity of the robbers.